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SUBJ: PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS ON CONTROLLING TECHNOLOGY
THROUGH PRODUCTS CONTROLS AND CONTROL STATUS OF
WITH EMBEDDED COMPUTERS

REFS: A) PARIS 01701, B) PARIS 01858

1. AT JANUARY 24 COCOM MEETING DUTCH DEL REITERATED INTEREST OF HIS AUTHORITIES IN HAVING A MEETING OF EXPERTS IN NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS SUBJECTS OUTLINED IN REFTELS AND SUGGESTED POSSIBLE DATE OF FEBRUARY 15. FRENCH DEL FOUND THIS DATE TOO EARLY AND IN RESPONSE TO DUTCH QUERY, STATE THAT MARCH 1 WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCEPTABLE TO HIS AUTHORITIES. BRITISH DEL STATED THAT HE WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS BUT NOTED HIS AUTHORITIES COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS DURING PERIOD JANUARY 27 - MARCH 4. POSSIBLE DATE OF MARCH 6 WAS MENTIONED. CANADA AND JAPAN STATED THAT THEY WERE OPENMINDED AND COULD ACCEPT THAT LATTER DATE.

2. USDEL STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES HAD ONLY JUST
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RECEIVED TEXTS OF THE DUTCH MEMORANDA AND THEREFORE HAD NOT YET HAD TIME TO INDICATE WHETHER THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN EARLY DISCUSSIONS ON THESE TWO TOPICS OR TO HAVE EXPERTS FROM WASHINGTON ATTEND MEETING. ASSOCIATING HIMSELF WITH THE IMPLICATIONS OF USDEL'S REMARKS, GERMAN DEL NOTED THAT THERE WERE IN FACT TWO QUESTIONS BEFORE COMMITTEE TO WHICH HIS

AUTHORITIES HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO RESPOND: (1) WHETHER THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS FEEL THERE SHOULD BE A MEETING OF EXPERTS ON THE PROPOSED SUBJECTS AND (2) TIMING OF ANY SUCH MEETING. CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED DISCUSSION BY ASKING THAT AT NEXT COCOM MEETING JANUARY 31 ALL DELEGATIONS BE PREPARED TO INDICATE IF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS ARE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN PROPOSED EXPERTS MEETING AND, IF SO, THEIR VIEWS REGARDING POSSIBLE MEETING TIME.

3. ALTHOUGH USDEL UNDERSTANDS DUTCH INTEREST IN ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE THE ISSUES ADDRESSED IN THEIR TWO MEMORANDA WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE LIST REVIEW, IT BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE PREMATURE TO HAVE MEETING OF EXPERTS AT LEAST UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN SOME CLARIFICATION OF THE ACTUAL ISSUES INVOLVED. USDEL BELIEVES THAT AT THIS STAGE AN EXCHANGE OF MEMORANDA IN THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE A BETTER WAY OF PROCEEDING ON THESE TOPICS. AFTER SUCH AN EXCHANGE, THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO DECIDE WHETHER A MEETING OF EXPERTS IS IN FACT NECESSARY. IF THE DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH THIS POSITION, USDEL SHOULD BE SO INSTRUCTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PAST EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT ONCE THE OTHER DELEGATIONS HAVE AGREED AMONG THEMSELVES ON A SPECIFIC DATE FOR A MEETING IT IS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT FOR USDEL TO INFLUENCE THEIR DECISION.
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4. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS ON RESPONDING TO DUTCH PROPOSAL FOR EXPERTS MEETING BY JANUARY 31.
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